Almighty and eternal Heavenly Father humbly we approach thee - in the quiet of this evening hour we beseech thy presence. Purge our minds from wandering & our hearts from malice and draw us nearer to thee.

O thou who art the author of all life in awe and reverence we praise thy name. As we hear that sacred events we are more aware of thy greatness; of the limitlessness of thy love, of thy never ending concern. As we contemplate thee we can not help but feel small and insignificant - we are weak but thou art strong, we are ignorant but thou art all ~~loving~~ knowing, jealousy and hate abide in our hearts but thou art all loving. Hallowed be thy name, O God, forever and forever.

Help us, we pray, to realize the potential for good that is in each one of us. As we survey the cross where the Christ died in the struggle against evil help us each one to continue that struggle. And from the glorious Easter news give us the inspiration to subdue evil - in the full and present knowledge that ultimately it has been done for us by our Lord.

In reverent thankfulness we pray to thee O God, thankful for the endless love that suffered on Calvary that we might live. Thankful for the gift of eternal life that is there freely offered. Thankful for the concern that prompted our lord to willingly bear the torture of death that we might live.

O thou giver of every good & perfect gift we thank thee for all thou hast given us. At this time our thoughts are directed to thine own perfect goodness, for herein is the source of all human good. Help us to see thy nature in all of our joy & happiness & in the beauty that will soon be all about us.

We thank thee for every institution established for the betterment of mankind.

For hospitals, doctors & nurses
For schools of learning - professors & teachers
For thy Holy Church & its believers everywhere.

O thou who hast ~~the~~ revealed thy love in the gift of love, help, we pray, all those who are in ill health. Comfort & the distressed, be present to the lonely, give courage to the needy.

Be present in our own lives Our Father, strengthen our wills broaden our vision & quicken our perception that we may live as thou wouldst have us live.

All this we pray in the name of blessed Lord & Savior
even Jesus Christ
Amen

Another group to recognize - perhaps the busiest, most dedicated group within the Church. This is a group which gives away practically all of its budget. It has sent its money to Brazil Indo. South Carolina, Gary N. House (*): it is a faithful group - its attendance percentage is about 90%. ~~Add proof~~

(*) Not long ago this group made a donation of #50 to the building Fund.

But yesterday, this group suffered an injustice. I refer of course, to our youth Fellowship. Yesterday, the held a slave auction, and for 50¢ an hour, they put themselves at the disposal of the congregation. These same people - work at the deacons' dinner, sing in the choir, work in the Church nursery: and do many small jobs, mostly unnoticed around the church. e.g. washing the front.

They were so certain you would support this modest project - that they planned to work all day - from 9 - till evening. And yesterday at 9:00 there was no one here but them, and at 9:30 - and at 11:00 - and at 3:00. ~~Finally~~ ~~not our Church~~. They were disappointed - and rightly so - and I think we owe them an apology.

We do a lot of talking about juvenile delinquency: we ask what's wrong with young people today. We worry and fret: and yesterday was a demonstration of ~~our~~ the depth of our concern. There's nothing wrong with these young people: in fact you'd have trouble finding a better group - I'm proud of them - and I think you are too - and, on your behalf I want to tell them to keep up the good work - and to assure them that yesterday will never happen again.

I want to intro. + recognize them at this time: asking them to stand. - First officers - - Pres. Robt. Roebuck, V.P. David Forsythe: Secr. Barbara Peek: Treas. Walter Parsons

O eternal heavenly Father, with humble hearts we approach thee, knowing even as we worship - that thou alone art Holy, that thou alone art good, knowing that never can we truly understand thine omnipotence. At times we have felt thy presence - as we survey the magnitude of our world, when we consider the smallness & perfection of a flower, when we consider the miracle of human birth. O God make us aware of thee in all things, help us to see thy presence in every new experience and in every person we encounter.

O God of love & goodness are hearts overflow with thanksgiving - even though we do not express it. In profound appreciation we thank thee for all ~~the~~ that thou hast given us. For bodies that live & move & feel, for minds that think & reason, for fellow men - families and neighbors - without whom life would be nothing.

We thank thee for our nation and for its rich heritage of courage & freedom; we thank thee for all nations and for men everywhere, sharing with us thy love & bounty.

We thank thee for the complexities & intricacies of our life - for all those whose tasks make possible our well being. For doctors and teachers, for farmers & laborers, for home makers and ~~nurse~~ nurses. We thank thee for all examples of human goodness and generosity - realizing that thou alone art the source of all goodness.

We humbly ask o God, that thou wouldst aid us in all that we do. Keep us from selfishness, forgives us when we offend others and steer us in the paths of righteousness. Speak to us O Lord, reveal in our consciences they will for our lives. Give us understanding and wisdom - only that we may be more suitable to call ourselves thy children.

O Almighty Heavenly Father give us humility & reverance for all life; protect us from callousness & superiority: shine through the welter of our lives that we may see ourselves in the proper light.

O God of mercy we ask thy presence ~~in~~ in all instances of human endeavor. Look with favor upon the United Nations - use that organization for thy purpose, be present at the conference table giving to all representatives tolerance, understanding and sympathy.

Be near O God, all those in the world who needlessly suffer, Give courage to the oppressed, sustaince to the poverty stricken and health to the diseased.

O God of all nature be among us as we labor for thee in this church. Give us guidance & direction, reveal thy will to us, - use us as thine instruments - only that we may better serve thee.

All this we pray, knowing that thou hast heard because of our Lord & Savior - even Jesus Christ

Amen

O Eternal & Almighty God words cannot Fully express the bredth and depth of our praise to thee. In this season as in no other we know and Feel thy goodness, thine endless mercy and tenderness, Now as in no other time - we are aware of the presence of thy Holy Spirit in our Fellow men. As kindness and good will abound we catch a glimpse of ourselves - acting as thou hast created us to act. Our awareness of seasonal joy incites shame and not pride o Lord; For ours is the guilt for filling our days with jealousy & vanity, with callousness and insensitivity; for acting as if thy presence and love were non existent.

O God of creation we praise thy Holy name in reverent gratitude for all thy gifts to us. For a world created good; For the things of this world, - Fashioned by thy hands for our use and pleasure. - We thank thee O God for trees, and wind and snow, For homes and good food, for families and friends, - for all these indescribable blessings that make us rich beyond ~~description~~ comparison (*)

O God of mercy, at this time of joy and gladness we humbly beseech thee on behalf of those men who are less fortunate than we. Be with those who hunger and thirst; comfort those who grieve, give courage to those involved in a struggle against oppression. Give us, O God, generous hands & heart. Instill in us a sense of responsibility for our Fellow men. With the Holy Spirit inspire us to give and to share as thou hast given to us.

O God, who art present in the still, small voice of calm, be present among us at this sacred time. As we celebrate the birth of thy Son, our Lord J.C. keep our minds stayed on thee. Keep us from all cheapness and triviality, help us to see the real significance of the Birth of the child; Be in our presence as we laugh and sing - that our celebration might be acceptable in thy sight.

All this we pray in the name of him who was born - that we might live eternally - even Jesus Christ

Amen

(*) We thank thee O God For thy Holy Church, which with thy guidance and inspiration has carried the wondrous news to all the corners of the earth. We thank thee for all those who labor on ~~its~~ behalf of Jesus Christ in foreign lands today. Give them courage and determination. Fill them with the zeal of thy Holy Spirit. We thank thee O God for this our church - for all those who have labored in it in the past. And we give thee thanks that thou hast called us to the task and given us the opportunity of serving thee.

O God, our Father in Heaven, once again we bring our words of praise and petition before thee. Thou art the creator and perfector of all life, according to thy will nature runs its course, according to thy ordination the drama of history is played out. O God thou art in all, above all and before all. In futility we search for words to Praise thy holy name

O Thou who art the giver of every good and perfect gift we are humbly and truly grateful for Thou hast done for us.

We give thee thanks for the beauty of the world in which we live, for the good earth, for food and shelter which we enjoy in abundance.

We thank thee O God for human love, for the joys of friendship and fellowship, For blessedness of living as families under thy sovereignty.

We give humble thanks O God for nation -
freedom + liberty for leaders + representatives.

pray for the depressed, hungry, enslaved + poverty stricken the world over.

O Thou who art the shaper and moulder of human destiny, we approach with hearts filled with sorrow, Once ~~again O God~~ we thy creatures have manifested our inability to live as children, and have brought the world to the edge of destruction. Hear us now, O Lord, as we join millions of thy servants thruout the world - in praying for peace and good will.

O God on this annin. of the Reformation; hear us as we pray for thy church throughout the world: for the healing of gaps widened by human misunderstandy

All this in the name of our Lord, who became man - to suffer + die for sakes: even Jesus Christ

Amen

O Almighty Heavenly Father, in the stillness of this hour we know that thou art God. As we momentarily subdue the writhing commotion of living we are aware that far above our existence and our awareness there lies a creative being, full of love and compassion, merciful and just, forgiving and ever sustaining. Even this thought prompts us to bow our heads in meek humility. Hear the secret prayers of our hearts O Lord, give ear as we bow before thee

O thou who art the fountain from which all goodness flows, grant to us a grateful spirit; instill in us the proper perspective that we may see that our very existence depends on thee. We are thankful, O Lord, for all thy gracious gifts to us - for the happiness + pleasure we enjoy; for the manifold experiences of life, be they joyous or sorry, exhilirating or somber.

We give thee thanks for our great nation and for those who have been chosen to lead it. We thank thee for all those upon whom we depend for defense: and for those whose diplomacy must produce an unsteady peace.

At this time O God we give special thanks for all institutions of education. - for teachers and administrators, - those whose lives are dedicated to the betterment of mankind through learning and knowledge. We give thanks for ~~scholar~~ students of all ages, For those whose entry into school marks the first step towards adulthood, for those whose training will enable them to build a better tomorrow through technology & science, For those whose thoughtful scholarship will enrich humanity in the fields of law, medicine, art + music. Look with favor upon our scholary efforts, bless everyone concerned with keeness of intellect - and above all else, humility - that they may know - that thou alone art all wise.

Be present O God in the troubled spots of our world, give patience to the leaders and comfort to all those who suffer behind the walls of political tyranny. Bless the efforts of men who strive for peace - may they prevail over the forces of evil and destruction. Instruct thy children everywhere in the paths of love and kindness, patience and good will.

O Almighty God we humbly ask thy presence among us as we labor in this church. Reveal to us thy will; enable us to serve thee, teach us what is thy bidding. Reveal to us all our ultimate responsibility to thee.

O Lord of all creation we come to thee in prayer in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ. Help us to abide by his teachings, open our hearts that we may realize his way as salvation. Give us his spirit of selflessness and love, that we may fulfill his intention - even thy kingdom on earth

Amen

Almighty and merciful heavenly Father, humbly we bow before thy presence. In the quiet of this hour we feel thy nearness - in the beauty of song, in the warmth of friendship, in the love of neighbor we know thou art close by.

Great and powerful thou art O God, mightier still than any thing we can imagine; in thy hand lies the universe, and by thy will nature runs its course. Because thou hast loved we are allowed to live and because of thy Faithfulness we have been given the hope of eternal life.

We humbly beg Forgiveness of thee O God and Father. Day after day we offend thee. In our righteousness we feel that we do not sin - but it is just this feeling of righteousness that offends thee most. Forgives us for failing to realize that we can do no other than sin - that we are constantly in need of thy forgiveness. Help us our Father to overcome the selfishness pride that manifests itself in everything we do; help us to think of others before ourselves, to truly love our neighbors as we do ourselves.

We ask for thy guidance and direction in all that we do. May thy wisdom be ours that we might understand at least partially thy mysterious way. We ask for quickness of senses and alertness of mind that we might be more readily aware to thee. Open our eyes O Lord, that we might see thee in the occurances that we call everyday; help us to know that in every experience, in every person we encounter - thou art there.

We give thanks, O Lord for this Church, for the persons who have made its existence possible, for those who have carried on its mission in the past. May it never stumble, may it be constant witness to the community as it pursues thy truth. We pray, O God, that our efforts here may be acceptable in thy sight, that our gifts may meet with thy approval, that our lives may be suitable for thy purposes.

We ask, O Lord, that thou wouldst send thy spirit among the leaders of the world, that they may truly strive for peace. We ask thy guidance for our president and his administration may they be aware of their high calling and their responsibility to thee. We ask the comfort & guidance to political extremists everywhere - may they be aware that thy kingdom alone stands forever.

We pray, O Lord, that thou wouldst be with people throughout the world who are oppressed, who are in misery at the hands of their leaders - for the citizens of the Congo, for the unfortunate population of South Africa, for millions who are starving and dying in Asia, - For those in our own nation who are have never truly been welcomed as our brothers - May thy peace be with them.

In reverent awe and humility, O Lord, we offer our thanks for thy goodness and Faithfulness, for we have seen it in the unspeakable gift of the Christ. May we fully realize the magnificence of his presence, may our hearts be open, always, to him - In his name we pray

even Jesus Christ

Amen

O Almighty God our Heavenly Father - in all humility and reverence we offer our prayer to thee. Thou art our God, our creator and sustainer, thou art the author of all life - in Thee we live and move and have our being. In infinite wisdom thou hast fashioned the universe, in ultimate concern thou hast given to us dominion over thy creation; in eternal love thou hast given us Freedom - Freedom that we might even reject that love. O God in thy presence we are small - our hearts cry out in adoration of thy Holy Name.

O thou who art the giver of every good and perfect gift we give thee thanks for all wherein we have been richly blessed.

We thank thee for the miraculous gift of life itself - for its joy and happiness - its sorrows and disappointments

for homes & families, friendship love & companionship of our fellow men.

- for all whose lives are dedicated to the betterment of mankind: teachers, Dr., nurses - all who minister to the needs of men

- for our land, its heritage of freedom and liberty -

for the opportunity to gather here to worship.

Above all this O God we express our gratitude for our Lord Jesus Christ. In him we see thy mind made flesh: in his teachings - thine unfailing & righteous wisdom. in his life - thine eternal concern: in his death thy long suffering love: in his resurrection - thine ultimate power - even over death. Make us worthy, O God, to take his name upon our lips: cleanse and guide us - that all we do may be fitting in thy sight.

O Thou who art all merciful & kind: be with those the world over who live in misery and pain. Give patience to those under political tyranny, courage to the hungry and cold. Comfort to those who mourn.

O God we ask thy guidance & countenance upon political leaders of all nations. Give them a due sense of their responsibility. Instill in them humility and wisdom. - Be with pres. & our leaders - that they may labor for peace on Earth.

In the name of him who died

to & All things we ask. Amen. Y.C. Amen

Almighty and eternal God, humbly we unite with each other and lift our hearts to thee. O thou who art our creator and who dost daily sustain us we come to thee full of adoration and praise. We are overwhelmed O Lord by the very thought of thine Almighty power, thy all-knowing wisdom and thine all-encompassing love. We bow before thy mystery's and yet within us there is the assurance that we are the object of a personal and infinite concern. Hear us O ~~Lord~~ God as we join with our Lord in saying Hallowed be thy name.

Accept O Lord our humble thanksgiving for all thou hast done for us. In reverent adoration we acknowledge that all we have has come from thee. Thou art the giver of life itself, thou hast created the world in which we live - and from which we take our sustenance. Thou art the author of the intangible emotions and feeling that give life its meaning. Love, affection, joy, sorrow - all these come from thee.

We thank thee O Lord - on this day - for schools and colleges throughout the world. We thank thee for those who at this time begin the task of interpreting knowledge into life. We thank thee for teachers and professors - for the high and important calling that is theirs. Grant to them - and to all whose lives are dedicated to the pursuit of truth, wisdom and insight; intelligence tempered with humility. Give courage and stamina to the young - who must face a chaotic and threatening world. Go with them that they may ~~the~~ undertake once again - the task of peace and brotherhood.

O God of mercy we humbly ask that thou wouldst be with those throughout the world who need thy presence. Be with those whose lives are filled with hatred, give comfort to the downtrodden; patience to those who ~~are~~ must exist behind the walls of political hunger and tyranny.

Be with us O Lord. Give us the courage of our convictions; enable us to face a hostile world and a society that is deaf to our cry, with humility and yet determination. Inspire us with the Holy Spirit - that we may faithfully serve thee

In the name of him who served and died that we might live, Jesus Christ Amen

Almighty and Eternal God, humbly we approach thy presence, aware of thy greatness and our smallness. The infinite largeness of the universe, the magnificense of the skies, the articulate perfection of a flower all testify to thy majesty. We stand in awe before all of creation, hindered by our smallness in realizing that thou hast made us masters of thy handiwork. The fluctuations of nature, the biting cold and the strong wind only suggest thy power. The gift of life as we observe the absolute miracle of human birth only suggests thy love. Almighty thou art O Lord - Hallowed be thy name.

In true sorrow and humility we beg forgiveness O God, for constantly falling short. For never remembering thy goodness, for never seriously considering the multitude of gifts that are ours. Overlook our smallness of mind O God, Forgive us for cluttering our thinking and our lives with trivia. Forgive us for doing what we ought not to do - and for failing to do what we ought. Forgive us for being so infatuated with ourselves - to an extent that all we do is determined by our own selfishness. Help us to see outside the shell of pride that encompasses us, broaden our vision, enlighten our insight that we may see thee.

Thankful we are O, Lord, For Homes and Families, For schools and churches, for state and country.

Bless O Lord, the new president of these United States, may he be wise and understanding. May his decisions be made with a true sense of humility. Instill in him an awareness of thy presence - that in his exalted task he may realize that thy will be done.

Bless O Lord, the political institutions the world over - that through them we might find peace. Keep them from being the instruments of selfishness, and egotistical power exertions - make them the agents of thy peace.

Bless O Lord, thy church. That its actions may be instrumental in bringing about thy kingdom on earth. May it be a constant witness to thy glory & to thy love

Bless O Lord, those who are ill, or whose soul is ravished and tormented by emotional disturbance. May the light of thy presence shine through their trials, that they may be comforted by thy nearness.

Our God and Creator in reverence and awe we thank thee for the miracle of Jesus Christ. For the eternal love that was displayed in his appearance - for the passion that was his death - and for the victory that was his ressurection. In this victory we share, for we are his heirs - and for this we show our deep & heart felt thanks.

With the knowledge that in him we are redeemed we humbly pray.

Amen

O Almighty God and Heavenly Father, humbly we come before Thy presence. Thou art the author of all things the world and all there is therein is Thy handiwork, Thy wisdom has been revealed to us in the perfection of nature, Thy concern in the miracle of human life - and Thy love in our Savior Jesus Christ. Humbly O God we accept that love, realizing that its purity will reveal to us our own shortcomings. We ask O Lord that Thou wouldst give us courage that we may let that love become a power in our lives, that it may transform and change us, only that we may better serve Thee.

O Lord, in this crucial time in the life of our church we ask that Thou wouldst guide us. May we do only what is pleasing in Thy sight; may our decisions be made according to Thy will for our lives & for our church.

O God we thank Thee for our church, for those who founded - sustained it. Grant us wisdom that we may be true to its calling; that through our efforts, it may be a more effective witness to Thine ever present love.

- for holy, universal church - Christians everywhere
- for those who serve Thee in all areas — Dr. Nurses, teachers - parents
- for our nation - for people in any country

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Be with the sick -

Mrs. Schnooyer -

All those in need -

As we pray for those in need - we pray in our own behalves - for surely we are unhealthy and in need of Thee. We lack courage & conviction, we sacrifice truth for comfort, we stumble and fall and though it all we are vain & proud. Truly there is no health in us. We pray O Lord that Thou wouldst destroy the walls of pride we have built around us. Give us the humility to lean on Thee; enter our lives and restore us. Help us to walk in the paths of righteousness - and in Thy favor

All this we pray in the name of our savior Christ the Lord. Amen.

Almighty + most merciful heavenly Father - at this New Year's time we are made keenly aware of thy goodness to us. As one year passes and another begins we are aware that all that we have and do and are is a gift from thee.

Humbly we approach thee O God, blinded by the brilliance of thy presence + yet always comforted by thy nearness. All praise to thee O father - world without end.

We thank O God for all the blessings we have encountered in 1960 - for the joy of health, for the comfort of well being, for the very privilege of living in this marvelous world. Looking back over the last 12 months we are grateful for the multitude of little things that we so often overlook - for minds capable of reason, for voices capable of speech, for bodies capable of properly functioning in the world you have given us. We are grateful for human emotions - for joy + love, passion - sadness and remorse. For fellow men with whom we can communicate, and whom we can love. For a universe that operates like a well lubricated intricate machine - for seasons, for rain + snow, sunshine and plants, trees + flowers, seas and clouds.

- for this great nation
- for churches

Bless us, we beseech thee O Lord, in the future + in this New Year. Enlarge + strengthen our faith for we realize that even it is but a gift from thee. Strengthen + encourage us in times of trouble, console + comfort us in times of turmoil. Fill us with unselfish love that our simple jealousies + selfishness may be overcome by

concern & compassion.

Send thy holy spirit among us. that in our worship we may be aware of thy presence. That in our community we may be able to truly serve thee.

Enlighten & instruct us that our lives may bear witness to the truth of Jesus Christ

Help us to extend the Spirit of Christmas throughout the year - love illumine each day as we remember the miracle

Almighty God, who hast breathed into us the breath of life humbly we approach thy presence. O thou who holds all thy nations in thy hand, who knows all secrets, who understands all mystery hear us as we bring our prayer to thee.

At this time of year we are overwhelmed by awareness thy goodness to us. We are richly blessed with comfort, with the love of families, with health, happiness. We are the owners of liberty, of rights never before enjoyed by man. But like the prodigal we so frequently waste our inheritance, we fail to appreciate what thou hast so graciously given us. Accept our word of thanks, as we give it in the realization that it is only partly appropriate, that never could we hope to fully express the gratitude that we feel.

We ask for understanding - clear our thoughts, inspire us with the wisdom that we might see the magnificence of the advent season.

Help us to see -
in Jesus thy will is revealed
that his suffering is our ~~life~~ redemption
that his death is our life
-That his birth is thy presence among us

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Sustenance & Grace -
For the sick, healing & comfort
For us when we are troubled, when problems become too great
For the church
For universities
For our country

Almighty & most merciful father, humbly we approach thy presence, - in full knowledge of thine omnipotence. Thy power and majesty are manifest in all thy creation; thy infinite goodness is manifest in the gift of life that we enjoy. Hallowed be thy name, O God & Father. Praised be thy name forever.

O Lord God, we realize how often we have offended thee forgive us for acts of selfishness, for wasting and misusing thine - help us to penitently say thy will be done.

O thou giver of every good & perfect gift humbly we offer our thanks to thee. For all thou hast given us

1. - for the privilege of living & breathing
2. - homes & families
3. - the beauty of human friendship & love
4. - schools, colleges & universities
5. hospitals
6. - for thy church -

For all of life we humbly give thanks, knowing & realizing its goodness - we offer thanksgiving to thee.

O God, who holds the world of men in the palm of thy hand, give us the courage to be instruments of thy will.

O God, who is more powerful than the mightiest storm, calm the troubled minds of men all over the world.

Help our nation to grow beyond the sins that have been racial discrimination; give us the knowledge & assurance that all men are surely equal. And each one of us in our relations with those of another race, help us to discard any feeling of superiority - help us to see our common bondage with all mankind under thee.

Be with those who are oppressed by political leaders all over the world. with those who suffer poverty, hunger and disease. - And be with those nations like ours, keep them from smugness & righteous well being; impress upon them their common responsibility for all mankind.

Finally, we give thanks for the marvelous gift of our Lord Jesus Christ. In him we have seen thee, - through him we have been given the grace that we may be saved -

in his name we pray

Amen

Almighty + Eternal God in awe and reverence we offer our prayers to thee. In the ~~stillness~~ quiet of this evening hour make us to be still and to know that thou art God. Lift our spirits + minds O Lord that as we worship we might experience the reality of thy holy love.

We are truly grateful O Lord For all wherein we have been blessed. Each one of us separately and individually has been endowed with gifts beyond measure. Hear us now O Lord as we individually offer our personal prayers of gratitude to thee.

O Lord As thou hast richly blessed us - so we have failed to fully use our gifts. We have not loved as we ought: we have been proud and not humble: we have been demanding instead of forgiving: we have dedicated ourselves to causes less important than thine. Hear us now as we ask the guidance in our separate and unique endeavors.

O Thou who hast taught us to love our neighbor as ourselves - hear us now as we pray For someone we know who is in special need of thee.

We humbly thank thee, O God, For this opportunity of worshipping + praying together. Grant ~~thee~~, as we approach the Crucifixion + resurrection of thy son, - that our hearts may be sensitive to the rich meaning of our faith. Give us the courage to lay down our lives before his cross - and to forever be thy Faithful servants.

All this we pray - remembering Our savior -
who died that we might eternally live.

Amen

Almighty God and heavenly Father in reverence and awe we bow before thee. Thou art all powerful and we are weak; thou art all knowing and we are ignorant; thou art all loving and we are selfish - Thou art our God. Forever and ever our voices are lifted in praise and adoration of thy name. We see thy constant presence in the world about us, in the infinite majesty of the universe, in the articulate perfection of a snow flake, in the pause of a sudden thunder storm and in the softness of a spring breeze. We see thee in the goodness of our fellow men, whenever the beauty of love exists thou art there; whenever we witness an act of selflessness we know that ~~that~~ thou art the author of that act. All goodness, kindness, love and beauty are evidences of thy presence - Hallowed be ~~forever~~ thy name forever.

We are humbly thankful for all the things thou hast bestowed upon us. For eyes that see, ears that hear and minds that are able to understand. We thank thee for homes and families, and for all those whose friendship and love bring joy into our lives

We thank thee for our nation, its institutions and its leaders: for our own community and its residents + for this church

In this season our Father we are ~~the~~ most thankful for our Lord Jesus Christ; for the eternal love and concern that in him was made flesh among us. For his spirit which we carry with us in all our doings, and for his remembrance which constantly both judges and sustains us.

We are grateful O Lord, for the New creation, the new way of life that through our savior may be ours. We sincerely pray that each one, of us ~~we~~ might experience a newness as we are born ~~anew~~ again; that ~~we~~ out of our fumblings, our bickerings and self imposed importances there might spring a new being, a new way of living. We humbly pray O Lord, - that we might be a part of the New creation.

To this end, O Almighty God, we ask for thy grace. In us alone there is no newness, no new creation! just the old stagnancy of self-centered boredom; only the ~~constant~~ repetition of a life that revolves only around our own selves. For this O Lord we ask forgiveness, and at the same time beg for strength and courage, that only thou canst give, that we might overcome the old. We ask for the stamina to freely let our old selves die, and to let ourselves be born anew in thy love. This we cannot do alone - this we humbly ask of thee.

By thy grace may our existence, collectively & separately; as a church and individually take on a vital freshness, a dynamic newness that is only the result of the Christ who lives within us. Give us the fortitude to allow thy spirit to operate in our lives. Knowing fully well it is there, give us steadfastness of mind and purpose that we might be the agents of thy will on earth.

Now unto him that loved us and gave Himself for us, be all glory and praise and blessing - for ever and ever

Amen

Order of Worship

Our God and Heavenly Father, thy Glory is present in every minute of every day, thy handiwork is obvious in the universe about us, thy love shines forth in all our Fellowmen. In thy presence O God we are small and humble - and yet in us burns the knowledge that each of us is a child of thine and a recipient of thy holy love.

As we worship thee O God, help us clear everything from our mind that all our faculties may be employed in praising thee. Give us patience and steadfastness that we may never cease searching thee. Give us insight and awareness that our hearts may not be blinded to thy ever present grace.

O thou who art the giver of every good and perfect gift we gratefully adore thee For all thou hast bestowed upon us. - For the power of reason and thought, For hearing and sight, for the capacity to love and enjoy We thank thee for our homes and families, For companions and loved ones; and for the common life we share. We ~~~~ give thee thanks O God, For our nation, for the liberties and privileges we enjoy. In a spirit of humble gratitude we give thee thanks O God.

O thou who art the creator of all mankind and who has guided the course of history from eternity, deliver us from the fear and anxiety that results from international tension. In this critical period be with all the leaders of the world, impress on them the gravity of their task giving them humility and self understanding. Intercede, O Lord, in the garbled affairs of men that peace ~~may~~ and good will may reign forever.

O Lord, who art all wise, guide us in our endeavor here, in this church; inspired us with thy holy spirit that we may fervently witness do thee. Give us direction that our decisions in the future may bring about thy will For our lives, give us the courage to put our Faith in thee.

O God of mercy and compassion be with all those who are sick and distressed. Those of our own number and men all over the world. - Give them strength to bear their afflictions; and stamina to endure suffering.

All this we pray O Lord, in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
Amen

Dear Lord & Father of all mankind on this sabbath day we gather to join together in worship of Thee realizing in our hearts that Thou art infinite, eternal, Almighty - our creator & sustainer, the fountain of all life we can do no other than pour out our joy & praise to Thee. Hear us O Lord as we offer our petitions to Thee, humbly we make them in the full knowledge of Thy presence. Look with favor upon us as we give of ourselves in adoration of Thy name.

O Almighty God who art near & far, in the smallest bit of life, in the endlessness of the universe we give hearty thanks for all that we have.

We thank Thee O God for the many small things that we take so for granted but alone are sheer manifestations of Thine infinite love & concern. For voices, that we may talk and sing, For the intricacies of our ears that convert vibrations into meaning, For eyes that turn mere reflections into objects. For the unimaginable wonders of our bodies that allow us to exist.

We thank Thee O Lord, for a world around us, the resources of which we completely depend on. For heat & light, For seasons, rain & sunshine.

In all these, and countless more, O Lord, we have been richly blessed.

At this time of the year O God, our thoughts are directed to the agony of calvary and we personally feel the guilt for the crime there performed.

Thou hast given us a Christ and we have ignored him, Thou hast given us a church & we have neglected it; Thou hast given us Thy mercy & love & we have turned our backs. Forgive us our Father. For we too are guilty; we too share in the rejection of the Christ.

O Thou who art the source of all good, we penetently ask for the Flame of Thy spirit in our lives. Guide us in all that we do. Give us wisdom & sound judgement, loving & forgiving hearts, give us the courage to live by our faith and not to allow it to become stagnant. Open our hearts, quicken our minds, strengthen our wills - that we may better serve Thee.

O Lord of all, we ask that Thou wouldst comfort with Thy presence - individuals & groups of individuals the world over who are afflicted with suffering, poverty, hunger, political oppression. We appeal for Thy healing grace for those of our own number who are ill. ~~We ask Thy peace for those whose lives have been made wretched by mental illness~~

In thankfor humility we ~~pray~~ approach Thee O Lord. In constant remembrance of dear Christ - who freely died that we might live. And it is in His name we pray

Amen

O Almighty God our heavenly Father - we rejoice in the opportunity to gather together - to praise thy Holy Name. We rejoice our Father that thou hast called us to be thy children. We rejoice that thou hast given to us and all men the hope and assurance of salvation in thy Son Jesus Christ.

O thou who hast created all things and given us even the gift of life our prayers to thee are prayers of thanksgiving. Thou art the First cause, the power behind all powers, the source of life, the creator of every good thing. In humility O Lord we acknowledge that we have been richly blessed; that thy gracious gifts have been silently given to us. Hear us - as we each silently thank thee for all we have been given.

O God, thou hast taught us to love our neighbors as ourselves: through thy son Jesus Christ thou hast demonstrated the depths and magnitude of thine own love. And yet ~~we~~ O Lord continually we forget thy commandment. So involved, are we, in our own petty difficulties we neglect our neighbor; so consumed in our own lives, are we, that we forget our neighbor. Hear us now O Lord as we each silently pray for those we offended: for those we have intentionally disregarded.

O thou who didst create men to live in peace, we humbly acknowledge that never have we, thy children, been able to attain "Peace on Earth. Good Will among men. Hear us now as we pray for those who differ with us - and for those who lead our nation. Hear us as we pray for peace.

Humbly O Lord we thank thee for our Lord Jesus Christ. As we proceed - through the Lenten Season, to the very foot of his cross, be with us our Father. Help us to see our own involvement in the evil that demanded his crucifixion: help us to see ourselves as men - for whom he died. Fill us with the power of his resurrection - that we might ever serve and please thee.

All this we pray in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ - to whom with thee & the Holy Spirit; be all glory and all praise

Amen

Almighty and Eternal heavenly Father in the quiet of this morning hour we bow humbly before thee. We praise thee O Lord, For thou art our creator and sustainer, our strength and our refuge. We praise thee O, Lord, For thou hast made all things out of nothing - we praise thee O Lord for thou hast given life, thou hast created man in thine image and given him power and dignity. We praise thee O Lord for all the wonders of thy creation: We praise thee O Lord that thou hast revealed thyself to us in thy son Jesus Christ. We praise thee O Lord, with our hearts and minds and bodies - and humbly we offer our prayer before thee.

O God we are truly grateful for all thy many gifts to us. We are thankful O Lord for thy love that created us - For that love that finally expressed itself in the life and death of Jesus Christ.

We thank thee O Lord for the magnificence of thy creation: For the good earth, that once again prepares to bring forth new life. In anxious anticipation we thank thee for the beauty of trees and flowers, the goodness of the grass - the birds - the warm and life giving sun.

We thank thee O God for our great nation, for its institution and its leaders. We thank thee for our state and community: for the opportunity of living here in freedom and comfort.

We thank thee O Lord for the mind of men - that has so enriched our existence. For the small comforts and conveniences of every day that we take for granted. We thank thee for all those who give their lives to the task of education, whose sincerity and devotion to their task shows forth thine own infinite wisdom and knowledge. We thank thee for schools, for teachers and administrators, for colleges and universities - and for the sound homes in which the groundwork for education is laid.

We thank thee O Lord for thy Holy Catholic Church, For its witness to all men, for its continuing ministry down through the ages. And O God we pray that thou wouldst be with it today: leading - guiding - giving its ministers and members the power and inspiration of thy Holy Spirit.

— Prayer for others

O God as we near the events of Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter - we pray that thou wouldst make clear their meaning to us. Help us as we attempt to involve ourselves in them. Help us to know personally the redeeming victory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Give us the courage to acknowledge our guilt before his cross. Give us the faith to stand joyfully before his open tomb. - And finally give us the steadfastness to open our lives to his will - to say with him - "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven"

All this we pray in his Holy Name - even Jesus Christ, to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit - be all glory & all praise - now and forever.

Amen.

O Almighty and Eternal God - we praise thy holy name. In our hearts O God we harbor a deep joy & thankfulness that thou hast created us, sustained us with thy good gifts, guided and directed us along the pathways of our lives. With the prophets of old we humbly bow before thy glory and majesty.

We thank thee O Lord for all thy gifts. For a world that provides heat, and food, lodging and safety. We thank thee O God for our fellow men - for the common bonds we share with all thy creatures. We thank thee for the goodness we see about us; for selfless dedication of doctors, teaches, - and all those who give of themselves for the betterment of mankind. We thank thee O Lord for this great land which thou hast given us. For the liberties and privileges that we have inherited.

At this time O God we are deeply grateful for thine ever present love: and for the perfect expression of that love - our Lord Jesus Christ. Make us more worthy of thy great gift O God. Our father, Forgive us when we forget - it; discipline us when willfully neglect to recognize thy Lordship over all; Forgive us when we profane thy name by living in a manner unacceptable in thy sight.

O Lord of lords, we ask thy forgiveness for the ways in which we degrade the birth of thy son. Help us all to rise above the temptations of a pagan festival. Help us to see in the things of Christmas - only thy precious gift. Help us to give - willingly - wholeheartedly - only out of the awareness that to us a Son has been given.

O God of Mercy - Be with all those less fortunate than we. Be with those who grieve - who are troubled & saddened.

Be with us O Lord: make us continually aware of thy presence.

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O Eternal God, who hast revealed thyself in the Lord Jesus Christ: Be with us in this hour. Speak to us through thy living word. Open our hearts and minds: that as we sing our praises to thee we may be refreshed and renewed. Guide us O God - let thy hand rest upon us - For we come before thee in the name of ~~the~~ Jesus Christ. Amen

O Almighty God who art our Redeemer and our King, humbly we come to thee in praise and adoration. Thou alone art holy, thou alone art loving and kind - in thy presence O God we are filled with awe and reverence. Thou has created the world and all that is therein, thou has made us, giving us the great gift of life. To thee we give of trust and our faith.

O Lord give us the grace to be humble. Within us dwells selfishness and pride: but we would be humble O Lord. Fill us with thy holy spirit that we may see ourselves in the light of thy perfection. Give us the courage to lower our eyes and open our hearts that thy forgiving grace may make us anew.

We give thee humble thanks O Lord, for all thy many gifts. For the created & ordered universe. -

Fluctuations of nature that bring forth and sustain life. Rain, sun, wind

For all about life that makes it rich and plentiful; love, friendship, families

schools - Most of all for thine all abiding love. For this, the greatest & first of thy gifts we are eternally thankful.

O God we ask thy presence throughout the world today. In a places where men have risen up against one another. Give thy guidance to those who work for peace and good will. Give them the courage to be patient and long suffering in their struggle.

Be with all those who needlessly suffer - hungry & cold; the enslaved and downtrodden. Be with those in our own nation who are the victims of prejudice and ignorance; for with those who are hungry because of our negligence.

O God we humbly ask thy presence and guiding hand in our own lives. Help us to know thy will for us. Guide and direct us in all that we do. Give us steadfastness in serving thee, sincerity and openness in our dealings with each other. Awaken us O Lord, to the glory of thy kingdom - that we may more ably serve thee.

All this we pray in the name of our Lord J.C.